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## From Editor's Desk . . .

Dear (s)

SYMA has been rendering service to the Society from 1977 and this year is significant to us as this marks the 25th year of our foray into medical service – with the initiation, support and backing of Dr K Sridhar to whom we will remain ever grateful. Every year when schools reopen, there will be bustling activity and SYMA also becomes more busy ~ this time with the distribution of uniforms to students. More details of our Educational Aid programme inside.

It is a National tragedy of humungous proportion... in the footage of sorties of Air force rescue along the Alaknanda valley one sees heartrending scenes - broken roads, damaged buildings, twisted electric poles, scattered debris: it is a picture of total devastation. More than all these loss of human life and thousands feared missing. While the administration insists that it was a natural calamity, environmentalists hold that this was a man-made disaster waiting to happen. Torrential and unrelenting downpour, landslides and floods saw the raging waters sweep away structures, livestock and people. Uttarakhand is in chaos and in this hour of crisis, we pray for those who suffered and will do our mite in rebuilding and rehabilitation.

Another unhappy reading is the statistics that TN has recorded the highest number of suicides by accounting for 12.5 per cent of the total cases reported in 2012. When it comes to specific issues like 'love affairs' and 'failure in examination' that led to suicides, the State has again topped in the south. Among the metropolitan cities, Chennai topped others with 2,183 host of family problems, illness, poverty, unemployment and passion-related depression – all these does not augur well for the society.

In England in a T20 finish to the 8 nation ODI Champions Trophy, India triumphed making all cricket fans happy – it was a clinical performance by Dhoni and his men which made India happy but as rightly pointed out by a high ranking official of the Armed forces, though the services of the Services in rescue operations were lauded – the amount offered as compensation paled in comparison to what the cricketers got for that win... again not a good thing for the Nation. The priorities need to change.

- With Regards – S. Sampathkumar.

நமது மருத்துவ மையமும் கல்வி மையமும் சிறப்புற நடந்து வருகின்றன. இப்பணிகளில் பல நல்லோர் நன்கொடை அளித்துள்ளனர்.

நமது சேவை பணிகள் தொய்வு இல்லாமல் தொடர நிதி உதவி மிக்க அவசியம்.

உங்கள் ஒவ்வொருவரின் பங்கு அளிப்பையும் வரவேற்கிறோம்.

உறுப்பினர்களாகிய நீவிர் அனைவரும் நிதி அளித்து உங்களுக்கு தெரிந்தவர்கள் இடத்திலும் சைமா பற்றி கூறி நிதி வசூலித்து தருமாறு அன்புடன் வேண்டுகிறோம்.



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## சைமா கல்வி மையம் வெது ஆண்டில் அடியெடுத்து வைக்கிறது

SYMA has been planning meticulously its long term objectives of making the Society a better place. Our Medical Centre is being of avail to more numbers and our tuition centre is functioning well. Education is the only tool which can uplift the Society and empower the lower echelons of the Society. Education is the best of the riches that one can possess. With the primary aim of providing quality education to poor students, we started our dream project 'SYMA Growth' – a full fledged tuition centre in July 2008. From that day onwards, lots of SYMA volunteers have strained themselves to ensure success of the project.

We do not want rest on our laurels and in a continuous process, we try to iron out the rough edges and refine the system. The academic year 2013-14 has commenced. We scrutinized applications – there was heavy rush with many recommendations too. Economic position was the primary criterion with preference being given to those whose parents were illiterate. We have carefully chosen our candidates with face-to-face interview will all students and their parents. On 15th June – the functioning of our Growth commenced for the present academic year with a special pooja at NKT National Boys High School where our tuition centre has been functioning. It is not only imparting education, we aim to make the students better citizens by developing their various skills, increasing their confidence and motivating

them to do well in all aspects of life. First it was invocation to Lord. Sri N.A. Rangaswamy Battar, Chinnamurai mirasu Archagar of Sri Parthasarathi Swami temple and Sri Devaraja battar were there as usual conducting pooja and blessing the students and us. Our Secretary S. Sampathkumar welcomed the gathering, set the tone for the day by stressing the need for discipline and being focussed during study.

Sri NKT Jayagopal, Yoga and Meditation practitioner who has been doing great social service gave an inspirational lecture to students and parents on the need of de-stressing in life and the powers of concentration. Ms M.S. Jayasri, Principal in-charge and Ms Jashoda Sundar, Vice Principal in-charge of Sir Sivaswami Kalalaya graced the occasion with their presence and addressed the students. Our President TA Sampathkumar also spoke to the students on SYMA's long term objectives and our expectations from the students and parents. We wish all our students to study well and prosper in life.

We place on record our gratitude to Mrs Leela Sekhar, Secretary, Mr S Venkatadri HM, Management and Staff of NKT National Boys High School for providing us the venue and supporting us fully in this endeavour. The dedication and efforts of all our teaching staff need special commendation.

## EDUCATIONAL AID PROGRAMME

Education is a right to children. All children must study which only uplift them to higher echelons. Decades back, the system of Uniform was introduced to ensure that children do not suffer from any complex and that all those attending a school will look similar without disparity. Sadly, still there are many children who could ill-afford to have proper uniforms. We strongly believe that we can make some difference to the way these unfortunate children attend their school. For over two decades now, we have been providing new uniforms to poor students. Last year around 1200 students benefitted from our scheme.

This year also we have since distributed applications, scrutinized and have finalized the recipients based on economic criteria. It was neatly coordinated and organized by our Vice President Seshadri @ Durai that issuance, filling up and processing were all done at one stroke. The students came to the venue, had their applications completed and walked out with cards with which they can collect the uniforms without hassle. The Uniforms are to be distributed to some students in our 'Educational Aid Programme' and to others at the scheduled date at staggered timing to facilitate easier distribution.

Every year in our Function, besides distribution of uniforms we have been honouring the school toppers of various schools in Triplicane, extend financial assistance to some students and honour a good social worker with 'SYMA Sewa Award'. This year too, we would be conferring SYMA Sewa Award on a person who has been rendering great service. The number of students who seek uniforms is increasing year after year and that requires more money. It is a hard truth that there are many school children who manage with just one set of uniform throughout the year, that too hard to come by. This year we plan to provide Uniforms to around 1200 students for which we have evolved systems to ensure that the benefits reach properly.

For continuance of all our activities, We are constantly on the look out for sponsors. We look forward to your participation in any measure. The Uniform distribution function is scheduled to be held on 7th July 2013 [the invitation is on page 4]. Brochure detailing our activity has been printed and has been sent to all our members. Request SYMA volunteers to contribute and ensure collection from their near and dears. Cheques can be drawn in the name of "SRINIVAS YOUNGMENS ASSOCIATION" payable at Chennai. We will continue to strive for the betterment of Soceity. Request you all to attend the Educational Aid programme.

## SYMA Growth Students fly high !!

The month of June saw Triplicanites waking up to see a new poster.... of course posters are nothing new to Chennaites or people elsewhere... A couple of decades ago, posters were the best source of reaching the masses. Most Fridays, new cinemas would be released and whole of Tamilnadu would see double-sized posters of the new release, attracting more people to the theatres. Slowly the culture permeated so deep that there were posters hailing 100th day – degenerated to 25 days and even successful opening. There were some hailing the audio release and pooja of proposed films even. Posters are the most preferred form of advertisement for political parties too – in some places, even death would be communicated through posters. You would have seen posters of Temple festivals, of political agendas, cinemas, hailing regional and caste leaders, announcing the death of near and more... – have you ever seen posters pertaining to education or ones hailing the performance of students ?

We live by the axiom that ‘Education is the only tool which can uplift the Society and empower the lower echelons of the Society’. Many do not have conducive atmosphere at home, nor the proper support – still they strive to achieve is what heartens. Life often is a struggle for have-nots and there are many who have to struggle for even ordinary things. SYMA aspires to change the lives of such people by offering quality tuition and our students have been doing extremely well. There are anxious moments in life ~ the day when results are announced is one of that. The SYMA administrators relive that anxiety these days when the results of +2 / X are announced, as we care so much for the future of our students from SYMA Growth.

At SYMA Growth, we have X Std Tamil Medium; X Std English Medium; +2 Commerce Group and +2 Science Group. The +2 results have been announced recently and our students did well. In the Science group all but 2 passed and in Commerce group 4 of the students failed. In Science Group 3 students got more than 1000 marks; while 4 got >1000 in Commerce Group. Our topper this year is N Anirudhan who secured 1125 with 199 in Chemistry and 192 in Biology. Special appreciations for this brilliant student who has defied odds to come out with flying colours.

Ms P Monisha secured 1099; S. Saravana Kumar got 1061. In Commerce group – J Poojitha got 1081; followed by V Rohini 1059; V Vigneshwaran 1037 and N Anush 1017.

The X Standard results brought us more cheers... all our Candidates from English medium passed out; sadly 4 from Tamil medium failed. 13 from English medium secured more than 400 marks. In Tamil medium 4 students got more than 400 marks. The Centre topper is AP. Archana with 488/500; followed by R Arun 483/500; R Purushothkumar 476/500; PS. Guruprasath 473/500; M Narasimhan 473/500; M Lekhasree 461/500; V. Subashree 460/500.....and more.....

At the time of inauguration, as a carrot for improved performance in studies, we had told our ‘SYMA Growth’ tuition centre students that we would print posters with photos of all students who score more than 400 out of 500 in X and more than 1000 out of 1200 in +2. We are buoyed the performance of our students and fulfilling our promise, we pasted the walls of Triplicane with posters appreciating the achievers of SYMA Growth.

No words can describe our gratitude to the management of NK Thirumalachariar Educational Trust and NKT Boys Higher School. We thank the NKT Management for providing us the infrastructure and all the support. We thank Smt. Leela Sekhar, Secreatry of NKT Trust and the Head master of the School Mr S Venkatadri.

We pray to Almighty for continued success of this project and look forward to continued support of you all. The success is due to the blessings of Lord Parthasarathi who guides us in all our steps. We must place on record our thanks and gratitude to those teachers who taught these students with great dedication, commitment and devotion. We thank all our teachers - SarvaShri S Venkatadri, Senthil Murugan, KS Venkatakrishnan, Kannan, T Srinivasan, MK Sridharan, Shahul Hameed, Raghu, Lakshmanan; Mrs.KN Vijayalakshmi, Mrs. Subashini, Mrs. Lakshmi Arulalan, Mrs. Kanthimathi, Mrs. Devasena, Ms Yogambal – for their care and attendance. Our Coordinator Mrs Thara and the team who assisted her also deserve special appreciation.

**Q:** Elections to Rajya Sabha from Tamilnadu garnered all attention, as the State witnessed contest after 17 years. The Rajya Sabha (RS) or Council of States is the upper house of the Parliament of India. Do you know what connects : Shri Charu Chandra Biswas, Lal Bahadur Shastri, Govind Ballabh Pant, MC Chagla, LK Advani, KC Pant, Pranab Mukherjee, VP Singh, IK Gujral, Jaswant Singh and Dr Manmohan singh ? and who was the first one in that list ? **Ans : in page 4**



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Chief Guests :

**Thiru T.N. Venkatesh I.A.S.,**

Joint Commissioner (Education), Corporation of Chennai

**Thiru Gururaja Rao**

Executive Vice President, Axis Bank

**Mr. B.S. Vasan,** Councillor, 116 Division

will distribute Uniforms to Students and present

“SYMA SEVA AWARD 2013” to **Mr. S. Venkateshan**

**T.A. Sampathkumar**  
President

**Sanjeevi Raghunathan**  
**S.Sampathkumar**  
Secretaries



**Ans to Q in pg 3:** The Rajya Sabha meets in continuous sessions and, unlike the Lok Sabha, the lower house of Parliament, is not subject to dissolution. At RS Members sit for six-year terms, with one third of the members retiring every two years. Membership is limited to 250 members, 12 of whom are nominated by the President of India for their contributions to art, literature, science, and social services. The candidates other than those nominated are elected by the Legislative Assembly of States and Union territories by means of Single transferable vote through Proportional representation. Seats are allotted in proportion to the population of the State. Andhra and Tamil nadu have 18; Uttarpradesh has the maximum of 31; Maharashtra 19 and West Bengal 16. That was the list of some prominent persons who were the Leader of the House in RS. Sri N Gopaldaswami Ayyangar was the first leader of Rajya Sabha assuming office in May 1952. He joined Madras Civil Service in 1905 and served as Prime Minister of Kashmir from 1937 to 1943. He was knighted in 1941.

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#### வாழ்த்துக்கள்

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